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For: EXTRACTS, COMPOUNDS AND
PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS
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AND THEIR USE

Group Art Unit: 1623

Examiner: Patrick T. Lewis

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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the above-referenced application.

Each of the five (5) documents listed on this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in an European Search Report mailed on January 22, 2003 from the European Patent Office in a counterpart European application. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication. The relevance of the documents is listed in the attached copy of the European Search Report. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.


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Respectfully submitted,

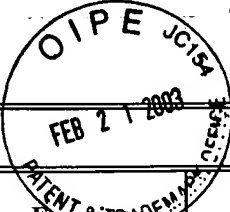
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